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ORIG DTG: 19 JAN 1953/5 PM

RECD: 19 JAN 1953/1831

FROM: HAMBURG

SENT: BONN 27

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PRESUMABLY HICOG NOW FULLY INFORMED BY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION CONCERNING DETAILS ARRESTED FORMER NS OFFICIALS AND NATURE EVIDENCE BUT FOLLOWING MAY BE OF INTEREST. BRITISH PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER CLAIMS READ FILE RELATIVE HAMBURG CASES AND CONSIDERED EVIDENCE AMPLY WARRANTED ARRESTS AND MORE THAN SUFFICIENT SECURE CONVICTION. HE ADDED THAT MANY ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED SOME IN US ZONE AND THAT HAD EVERYONE MERITING ARREST BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SO EMBARRASSING TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT ADENAUER PROBABLY WOULD HAVE HAD TO RESIGN.

CHIEF HAMBURG OFFICER PROTOCOL CONSUL, HOWEVER, SKEPTICAL. CLAIMS HIS OFFICE HAS OBSERVED HAMBURG ARRESTEES AND THEIR ACTIVITY UP TO PRESENT DID NOT WARRANT ARREST. NOTED DOCTOR SCHELL HAD RECEIVED VISITS FROM SKORZENY AND RUDOL BUT CONSIDERED SUCH CONTACT NORMAL AMONG FORMER RANKING NAZIS. EXPRESSED HOPE EVIDENCE IN POSSESSION BRITISH SUFFICIENT, OTHERWISE WOULD EXPECT UNFAVORABLE REACTION FROM GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION THUS GIVING RENEWED SUPPORT RIGHT RADICAL CIRCLES WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DISCOURAGED BY COUNTER ACTION TAKEN BY FEDERAL AND LAENDER GOVERNMENT.

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